## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,
on its own motion, to administer
the Nebraska Internet
Enhancement Fund.

ORDER REGARDING SUBMISSION
OF FULL APPLICATIONS

Entered: August 24, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On May 18, 2004, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF) established by the Legislature pursuant to  $Neb.\ Rev.\ Stat.\ \S\S\ 86-579$  through 86-580 (2002 Supp.). The Commission in its May 18, 2004, Order established a schedule for the application and award of grants from NIEF.

Pursuant to the schedule, the pre-application period opened on June 1, 2004 with all pre-applications due on or before August 15, 2004. The Commission received pre-applications from the following applicants:

City of Edgar, Nebraska
City of Chappell, Nebraska
Cheyenne County Commissioners, Sidney, Nebraska
Box Butte County Commissioners, Alliance, Nebraska
Dawes County Commissioners, Chadron, Nebraska
City of Dakota City, Nebraska
Valley County, Nebraska
Nemaha County Development Alliance (NCDA)

The NIEF Advisory Board reviewed the above-mentioned preapplications for compliance with the Program Description and Grant Application Guidelines and recommends that the Commission invite the following Applicants to submit full applications.

City of Chappell, Nebraska Cheyenne County Commissioners, Sidney, Nebraska Box Butte County Commissioners, Alliance, Nebraska Dawes County Commissioners, Chadron, Nebraska Nemaha County Development Alliance (NCDA) Full applications must be submitted to the Commission in electronic and hard copy form no later than 5:00 p.m. CT on November 15, 2004.

Electronic copies shall be in MS Word format and sent via e-mail to jraffety@mail.state.ne.us and amelton@mail.state.ne.us or submitted on disk along with the hard copy. Should an applicant be unable to submit an electronic copy, he or she shall advise the Commission prior to the deadline.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned pre-applications are approved and City of Chappell, Nebraska; Cheyenne County Commissioners, Sidney, Nebraska; Box Butte County Commissioners, Alliance, Nebraska; Dawes County Commissioners, Chadron, Nebraska; Nemaha County Development Alliance (NCDA), are invited to submit full applications for grant monies from the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Full Applications must be submitted to the Commission in electronic and hard copy form no later than 5:00 p.m. CT on November 15, 2004, in accordance with the terms of this order and the Program Description and Grant Application Guidelines.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of August, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director